

I am strongly opposed to the use of Broadband Over Power Line (BPL) systems.

In its filing on July 7, 2003, United Power Line Council stated:

"In this proceeding, the FCC inquires concerning the potential for interference from BPL systems under the existing Part 15 emission limits, and it inquires whether the existing measurement procedures are appropriate. The UPLC is pleased to respond that there has been no interference reported in any of the field trials by its members. These trials have been conducted in accordance with the existing Part 15 limits and measurement procedures. In many cases, the FCC has assisted in the test measurements that have been taken. The experience gained from this process indicates that BPL systems comply with the Part 15 limits, and that the existing rules protect licensed users against interference from BPL systems."

Recent measurements performed by the American Radio Relay League in areas where BPL was tested indicate that this is not so. These measurements indicated BPL produced strong broadband interference across the HF and lower VHF spectrum rendering it virtually useless. This interference would seriously affect amateur radio and other users of the HF spectrum. It is also possible that military and Homeland Security users of the HF spectrum could be seriously hampered by such interference in urban areas where BPL is being used. We cannot afford at this time to even take the risk of crippling amateur radio, military and homeland security users of the HF spectrum.

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